

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES OF FULL BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 10:20 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, Richmond, VA
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** James DeBell, DVM, President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Wise, DVM
Joseph May, DVM
Henry McKelvin, DVM
Taryn Singleton, LVT
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM
- STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
- MOTION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Board voted unanimously to add a New Business section to the agenda which would continue the discussion the morning of the Legislative/Regulatory Research Committee.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was presented.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Carter gave the Director's Report for Ms. Ryals who was not available. Dr. Carter reported on the key measures for veterinary medicine. She stated that the Board no longer has any backlog of cases and that there are 62 cases currently in the veterinary medicine pipeline. The Board has reached 100% in its disposition of cases.
- Dr. Carter reported on the customer satisfaction surveys. She reported that the agency objective is 95%, but the Board of Veterinary Medicine has reached 98% on customer satisfaction.
- Dr. Carter reported that the agency has entered into a new contract with the Health Practitioners Impairment Program. She stated that this

evolved into a treatment program and has cost the agency about \$200 million for about 600 people. The agency cannot afford to continue with this expense. In the new contract, participants will be required to contribute to their treatment expense, based on their ability to pay. Dr. Carter stated that HB 2407 is related to this issue. She also stated that the program has been renamed to the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Ms. Yeatts gave a summary of the following bills the agency is following: HB1852, HB2097, HB2211, HB2405, HB2407, SB897 and SB1282.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the Board meeting of November 6, 2008 as presented.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. May, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the Formal Hearing on Richard E. Flint, Jr., DVM of November 6, 2008 as presented.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the Formal Hearing on Martha W. Harris, LVT of November 6, 2008 as presented.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Petition for Rulemaking

Dr. Carter discussed an email from Garrett Kraus regarding the Board's lack of policy pertaining to veterinary practice and communication about feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

The Board directed Dr. Carter to respond to Mr. Garrett that the Board's role is to set general standards, not to set policy for veterinarians to discuss every possible disease or care with clients.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Budget

Dr. Carter reported that the Board of Veterinary Medicine had \$46,000 in its budget as of December 1, 2008. She reported that last June the Board had a deficit of \$148,000, but that over \$500,000 has been collected since that time in renewal and licensure fees.

Statistics

Dr. Carter reported that the Board has cleared 212 cases. She also reported on the current number of licensees under the Board's jurisdiction.

Board of Health Professions

Dr. Carter gave an update of the studies on emerging professions that the Board of Health Professions is currently undertaking.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board will ask the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association if they would be willing to provide a link to the Board's website on their website and if the Board president could submit articles to be published in the Town and Country.

Dr. DeBell appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of the current Legislative/Regulatory Committee to further study the issue of an updated Guidance Document on recordkeeping. The Ad Hoc Committee consists of the same members as the Legislative/Regulatory Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

James DeBell, DVM, President

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director